

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5073–S5119*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2261–2301, and S. Res. 284–286. **Pages S5106–08**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 918, to prohibit the President or a Federal agency from constructing, operating, or offering wholesale or retail services on broadband networks without authorization from Congress, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–66) **Page S5102**

#### Measures Passed:

***Empowering Beneficiaries, Ensuring Access, and Strengthening Accountability Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3253, to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S5114**

Scott (FL) (for Blunt) Amendment No. 930, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5114**

***Arizona Judicial District:*** Senate passed H.R. 1569, to amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona. **Pages S5114–15**

***DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5115**

***Federal Agency Customer Experience Act:*** Senate passed S. 1275, to require the collection of voluntary feedback on services provided by agencies, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S5115–17**

***Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2196, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5118**

***United States Intelligence Professionals Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, designating July 26, 2019, as "United States Intelligence Professionals Day". **Page S5118**

#### Veto Messages:

**Resolutions of Disapproval of Proposed Transfers of Certain Defense Articles and Services—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2019, Senate begin consideration of the veto messages with respect to S.J. Res. 36, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services, S.J. Res. 37, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services, with the time until 5:30 p.m., divided as under the order of Wednesday, July 24, 2019; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, July 25, 2019, ripen following disposition of the joint resolutions.

**Bipartisan Budget Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 3877, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, it be placed on the calendar and not be required to lay over a day before a motion to proceed is in order. **Page S5114**

**Liburdi Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Pages S5080–81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 25, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur following disposition of S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services. **Pages S5080–81**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

**Pages S5080–81**

**Welte Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter D. Welte, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S5081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michael T. Liburdi, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Page S5081**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5081**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5081**

**Hendrix Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Peter D. Welte, of North Da-

kota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. **Page S5081**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5081**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5081**

**Jordan Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S5081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James Wesley Hendrix, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5081**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5081**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5081**

**Pittman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5081**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sean D. Jordan, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. **Page S5081**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5081**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5081**

**Brown Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S5081–82**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark T. Pittman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Pages S5081–82**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5081**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5081**

**Starr Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5082**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jeffrey Vincent Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Page S5082**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5082**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5082**

**Haines Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5082**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brantley Starr, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5082**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5082**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5082**

**Brown Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ada E. Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5082**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5082**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5082**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5082**

**Grimberg Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5082**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ada E. Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5082**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5082**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5082**

**Pulliam Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S5083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5083**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5082**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Pages S5082–83**

**Pacold Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S5083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jason K. Pulliam, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Page S5083**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5083**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5083**

**Seeger Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S5083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S5083**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5083**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5083**

**Stickman IV Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S5083**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5083**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5083**

**Immergut Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S5083**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of William Shaw Stickman IV, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5083**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5083**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5083**

**Younge Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Milton Younge,

of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5084**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S5084**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5084**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5084**

**McElroy Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. **Page S5084**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John Milton Younge, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5084**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5084**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5084**

**Gallagher Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5084**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. **Page S5084**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5084**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5084**

**Rowland Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Page S5084**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5084**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S5084**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5084**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 89 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 230), Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **Pages S5093, S5119**

Joseph V. Cuffari, of Arizona, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S5119**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Pages S5118–19**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5101**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5101**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S5101**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5101–02**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5110–11**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S5100**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S5113**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S5113–14**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—230) **Page S5093**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5118.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HEMP PRODUCTION AND THE FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine hemp production and the 2018 farm bill, after receiving testimony from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Stephen Alexander Vaden, General Counsel, both of the Department of Agriculture; Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; Amy Abernethy, Principal Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Erica Stark, National Hemp Association, Reading, Pennsylvania; Darrell G. Seki, Sr., Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, Minnesota; and Brian Furnish, Cynthiana, Kentucky.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

### ENERGY INNOVATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the importance of energy innovation to economic growth and competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Brian Anderson, Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; John Deskins, West Virginia University Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Morgantown; David M. Hart, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Washington, D.C.; S. Lee Ragsdale, Jr., North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, Raleigh; and Isaac Vanderburg, Launch Alaska, Anchorage.

### THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING REDUCTION ACT OF 2019

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 398, to support the peaceful resolution of the civil war in Yemen, to address the resulting humanitarian crisis, and to hold the perpetrators responsible for murdering a Saudi dissident; and

The nominations of Pamela Bates, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to